CHAPTER 3
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MY SISTER JUST WENT OUT WITH HER FRIENDS
I SEE
Ha
YOU CAN WAIT IN MY ROOM UNTIL SHE COMES BACK AND DON'T GIVE ME THAT DISAPPOINTED LOOK IT'S ANNOYING
OKAY...

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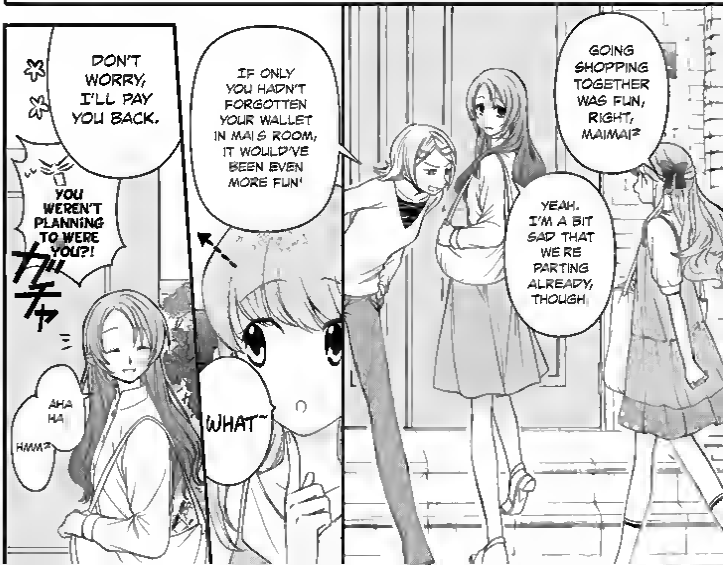
GOING SHOPPING TOGETHER WAS FUN, RIGHT, MAIMAI?
YEAH. I'M A BIT SAD THAT WE'RE PARTING ALREADY, THOUGH.
IF ONLY YOU HADN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR WALLET IN MAI'S ROOM, IT WOULD'VE BEEN EVEN MORE FUN!
WHAT~
DON'T WORRY, I'LL PAY YOU BACK.
YOU WEREN'T PLANNING TO WERE YOU?!
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AHA HA
HMM?

NO WAY!
NISHINO-SAN IS HERE?!
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I'M JUST GOING TO POP IN, FIND MY WALLET, THEN GO.
Excuse me~
AH, WAIT!
WAIT!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
I'M TOTALLY FINE WITH BUMPING INTO HIM IN THE CORRIDOR.
BUT
IF WE'RE TOO LOUD IN MY ROOM, THEN-
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YAHOO~

IF THAT HAPPENS-
YOUR SISTER IS CUTE...
HE'LL REALZE THAT THE WALL DIVIDING THE ROOM IS SUPER THIN
YOU WERE PLAYING AROUND WITH MY FEEL-INGS...
AND FIND OUT I'VE BEEN
WHAT IS THIS?
DROPPING ON HIM THE WHOLE TIME!
WHERE'S MY WAL-LET?
SAF
CLINK
-E!
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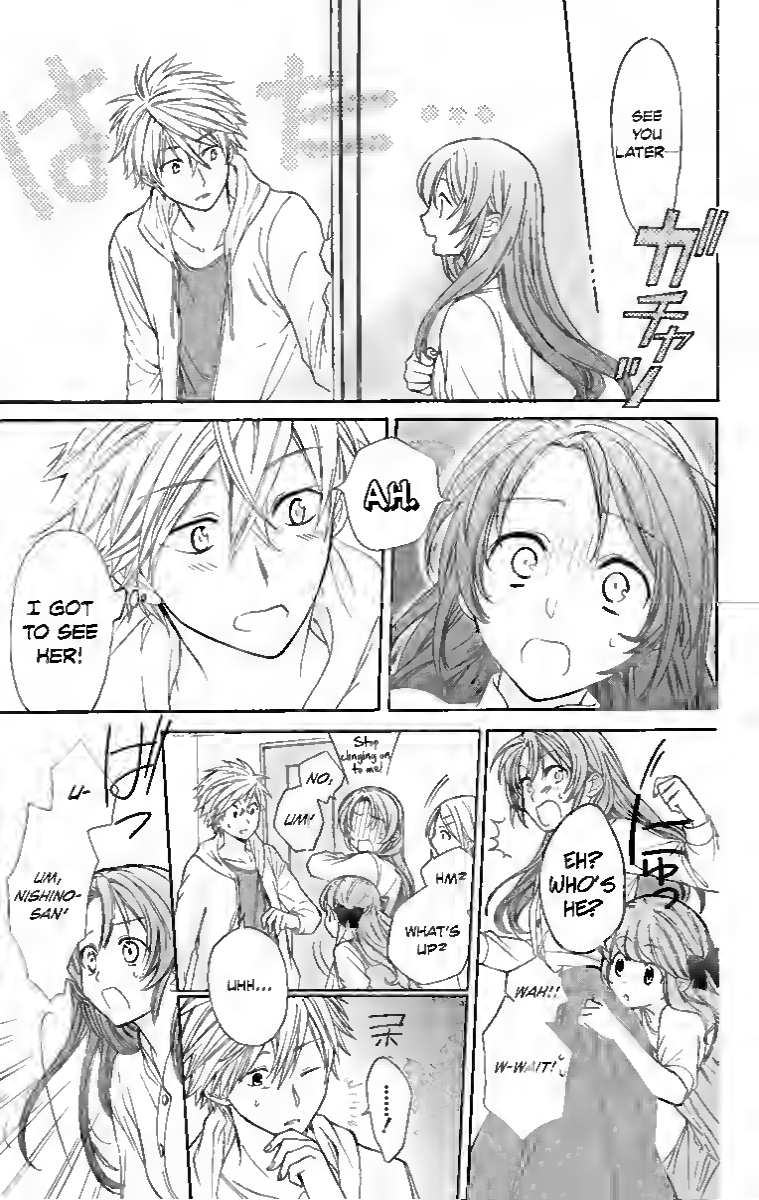
HERE IT IS.
HUH?
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOUR HAND-SOME BROTHER IS IN THE ROOM NEXT TO YOURS, RIGHT?
I HOPE NOTHING ELSE HAPPENS IN HERE...

Hi, BIG BROTHER!
I'M MAIMAI'S FRIEND!
I'M LOOKING FOR A HANDSOME BOYFRIEND!
FOLLOW UP:
MAI ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT THE WALLS IN HER HOUSE ARE THIN, SO HE CAN HEAR EVERYTHING COMING FROM THIS ROOM!
STOP IT, YOU IDIOT!

I'M DOOMED...
HE KNOWS!
I SAID, HEY!
I'M ASKED IF THE AIR CON IS BAD.
NO, HE DOESN'T. (WEARING HER BROTHER'S HEADSET.)
WAH! WHAT?!
HMM, HMM~
COUGH
COUGH
HEY.
NO, I MIGHT HAVE A COLD...
SORRY, I'M GOING TO LEAVE WITHOUT SEEING HER TODAY. I DON'T WANT TO PASS IT TO HER.
ALL RIGHT, FINE
JUST DON'T SPREAD ANY MORE OF YOUR GERMS AROUND MY ROOM.
AH, GOT IT.
IS THIS GUY REALLY MY FRIEND?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SEE YOU LATER
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AH.
I GOT TO SEE HER!
EH? WHO'S HE?
WAH!!
W-WAIT!
Stop clinging on to me!
NO,
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HM?
WHAT'S UP?
UHH...
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UM, NISHINO-SAN'
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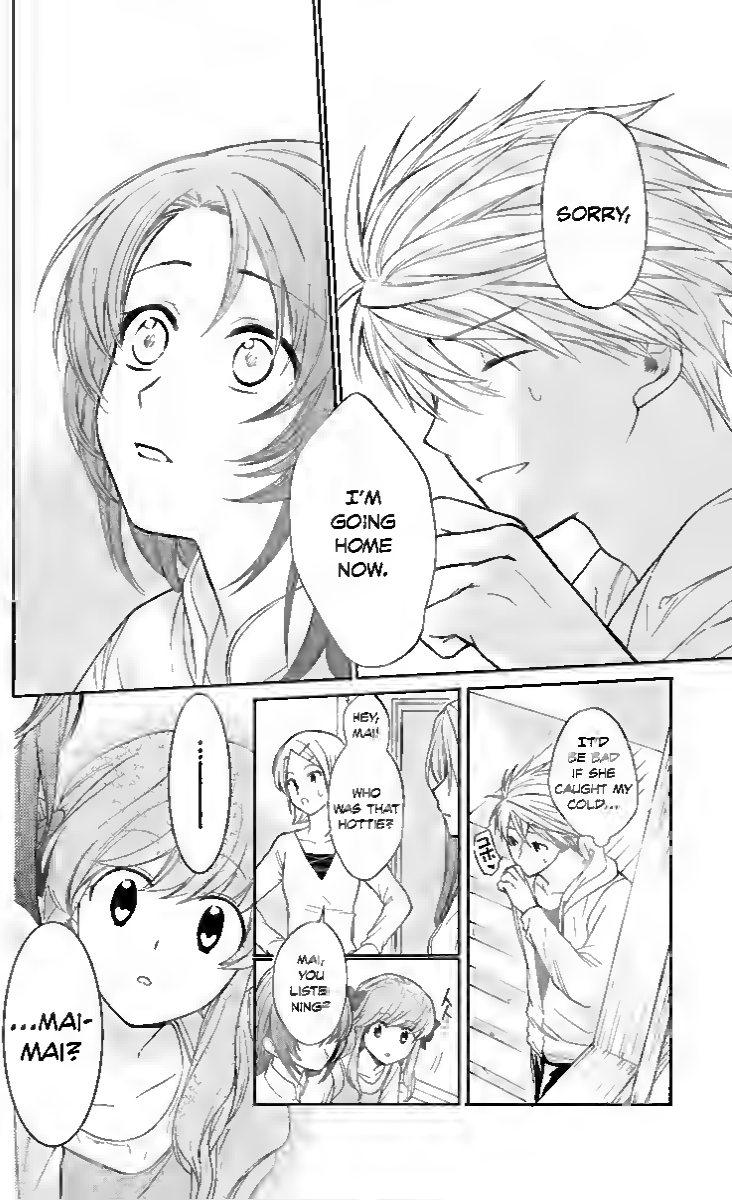
SORRY,
I'M GOING HOME NOW.
ITD BE BAD IF SHE CAUGHT MY COLD...
HEY, MAI!
WHO WAS THAT HOTTIE?
MAI, YOU LISTENING?
...
...MAI-MAI?

Nanase-san
Would you like to meet up tomorrow?
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I DON'T KNOW IF MY COLD WILL GET BETTER OVERNIGHT...
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IF I TOLD HER THAT I HAD A SLIGHT COLD, SHE'D PROBABLY WORRY.
And sent
Sorry, I don't think I can come to your house tomorrow.

IT'S NORMAL FOR HIM TO BE ANGRY AT ME...
Sent mail
Good morning. Would it be okay for us to meet after school? Even for a moment is fine.
WHAT WILL I DO IF HE JUST STOPS REPLYING TO ME ALTOGETHER?
Received mail
Sorry, I can't meet you today, either.
WILL HE FORGIVE ME IF I APOLOGIZE?
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I HAVEN'T SEEN NISHINO-SAN SINCE...
THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER FOR MORE THAN 3 DAYS, BUT...
HE HASN'T REPLIED TO MY EMAILS EITHER...

IF MY BOYFRIEND TAKES TOO LONG TO REPLY, THAT MEANS HE'S LOSING THE PASSION HE HAD BEFORE.
URGH... MY FRIEND OFTEN SAID
IS THIS WHAT SHE MEANT?!
NO.
So this is how it feels!
DID I DISAPPOINT HIM?
DOES HE THINK I'M A HORRIBLE WOMAN?
MAYBE HE THINKS THAT I WAS PLAYING AROUND WITH HIS FEELINGS WHILE EAVES-DROPPING ON HIM...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHAT'LL I DO?

IF HE SAYS HE WANTS TO BREAK UP WITH ME...
HEY.
KYA!
O-
ONII...
YOU'VE GOT A WEIRD EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE.

Move it
N-
NO, I DON'T!
YES, YOU DO CAN'T YOU TELL?
YOU ALWAYS MAKE THAT EXPRESSION WHEN THERE'S A PROBLEM RELATED TO SOUTA.
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I DON'T THINK...
I'LL BE ABLE TO
MAKE THIS EXPRESSION ANYMORE, THEN...
HA—

AND, YOU OVERTHINK THE WORST POSSIBLE SCENARIO.
MAN, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN QUICK TO CRY.
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ONII?
SOUTA, IT'S ME.
!?
HAVE YOU EATEN YET?
NISHINO-SAN?!
!?
AH? YOU HAVEN'T? YOU'RE GONNA DIE.
!?

I'M COMING OVER TO NURSE YOU.
AN HOUR FROM NOW, GOT IT?
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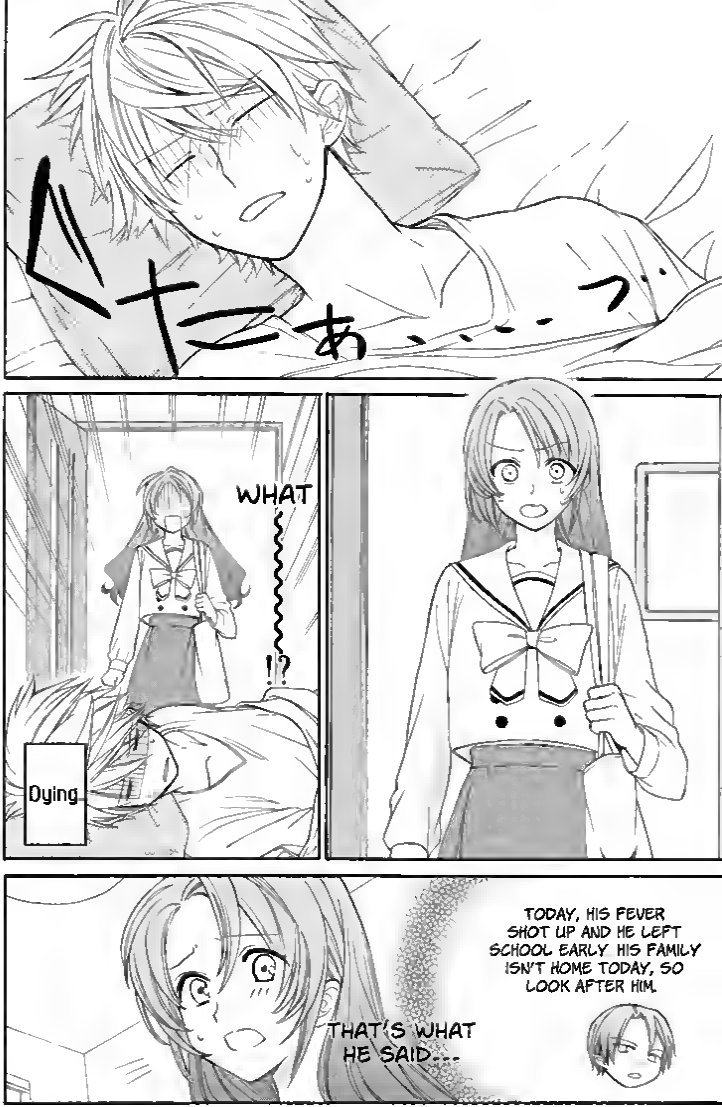
UNLOCK YOUR FRONT DOOR IN AN HOUR.
?
HUH?
ナニ!?
WHAT?!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Dying
TODAY, HIS FEVER SHOT UP AND HE LEFT SCHOOL EARLY HIS FAMILY ISN'T HOME TODAY, SO LOOK AFTER HIM.
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID...

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Break down
Worry
38.7℃
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バッ!
Phew
Quick and swift
NEXT IS HIS MEDICINE...
WAIT, NO, I HAVE TO FILL HIS STOMACH FIRST!

PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR USING THE KITCHEN!
I'm borrowing the apron as well!

I'LL JUST LET THAT SIMMER FOR A BIT...
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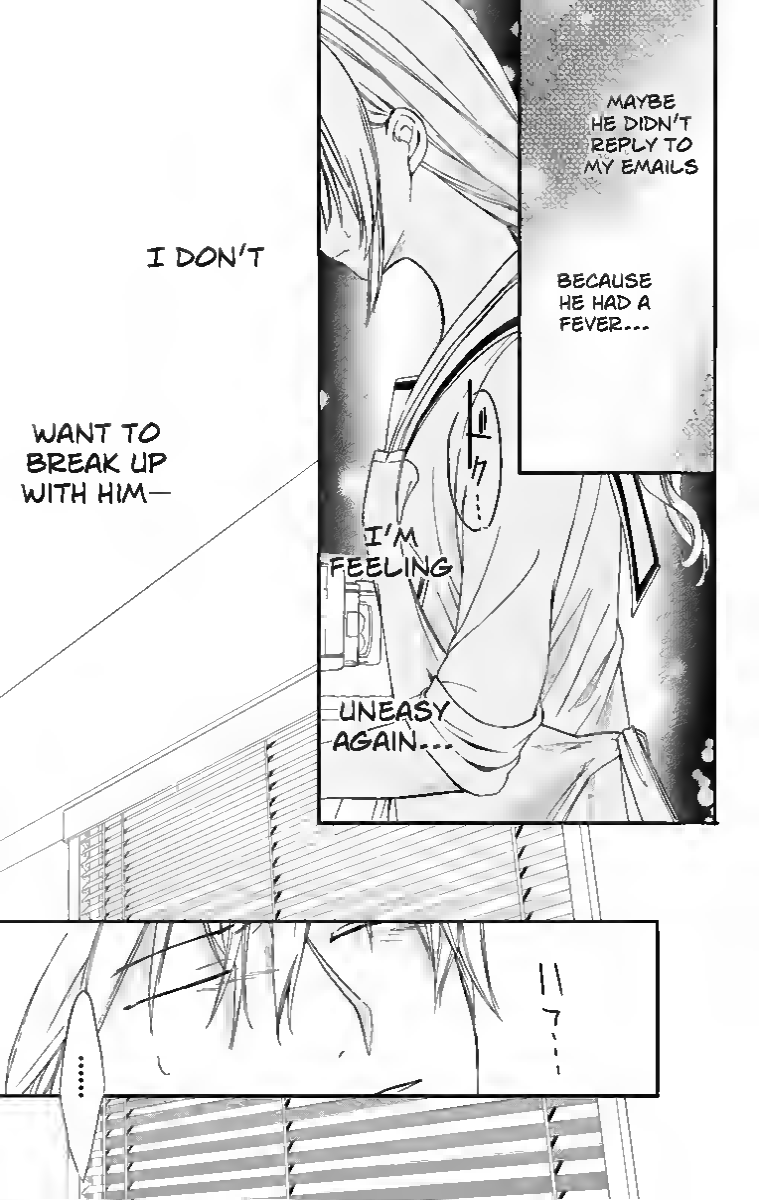
IS NISHINO-SAN ALL RIGHT IN THERE?


MAYBE HE DIDN'T REPLY TO MY EMAILS
BECAUSE HE HAD A FEVER...
I DON'T WANT TO BREAK UP WITH HIM—
I'M FEELING UNEASY AGAIN...
U-UH...
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NISHI NO-SAN
I...
WHY AREN'T YOU REPLYING TO MY EMAILS?
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I THINK WE SHOULD
BR-
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NISHINO-SAN!
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
I MADE SOME CONGEE JUST NOW, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE SOME?
Nurse mode
ANYWAY, LET'S GET YOU SEATED SOMEWHERE FOR NOW—
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY HOUSE?

I'M—
FOR HIM TO CONTINUE LIKING ME DESPITE FINDING OUT MY SECRET
—I EXPECTED THIS.
I'M REALLY...
SORRY...
WAS JUST WISHFUL THINKING...
AH,
I MUST STILL BE DREA-MING...

HYA
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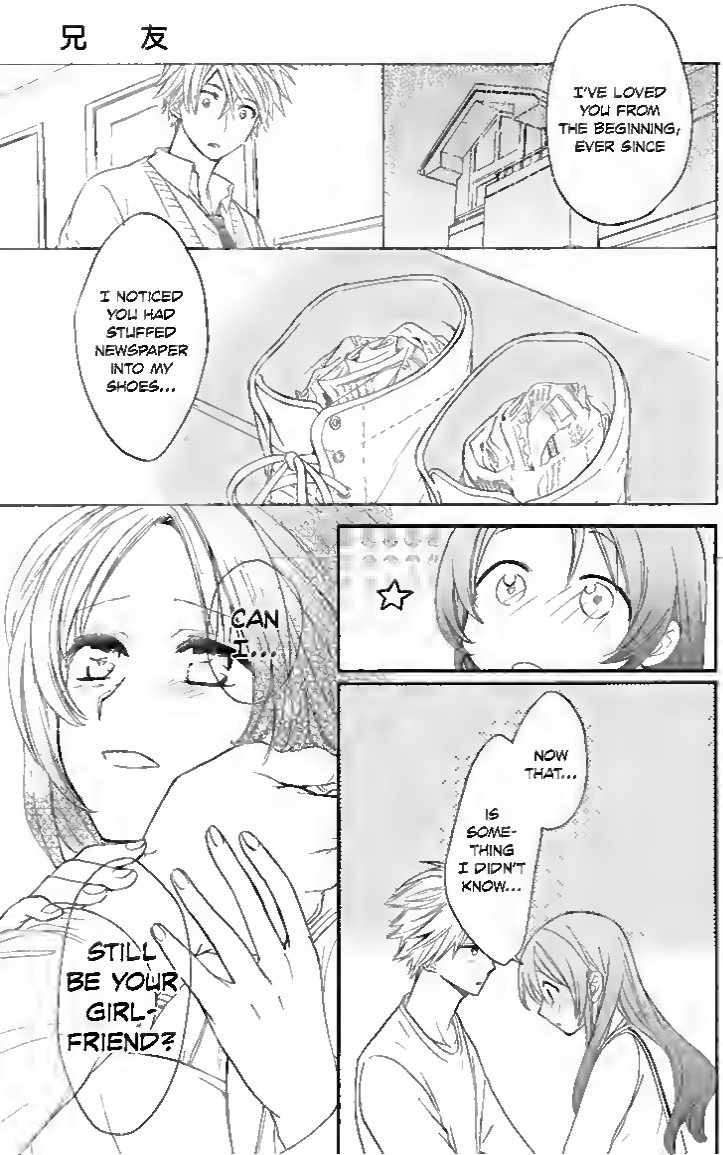
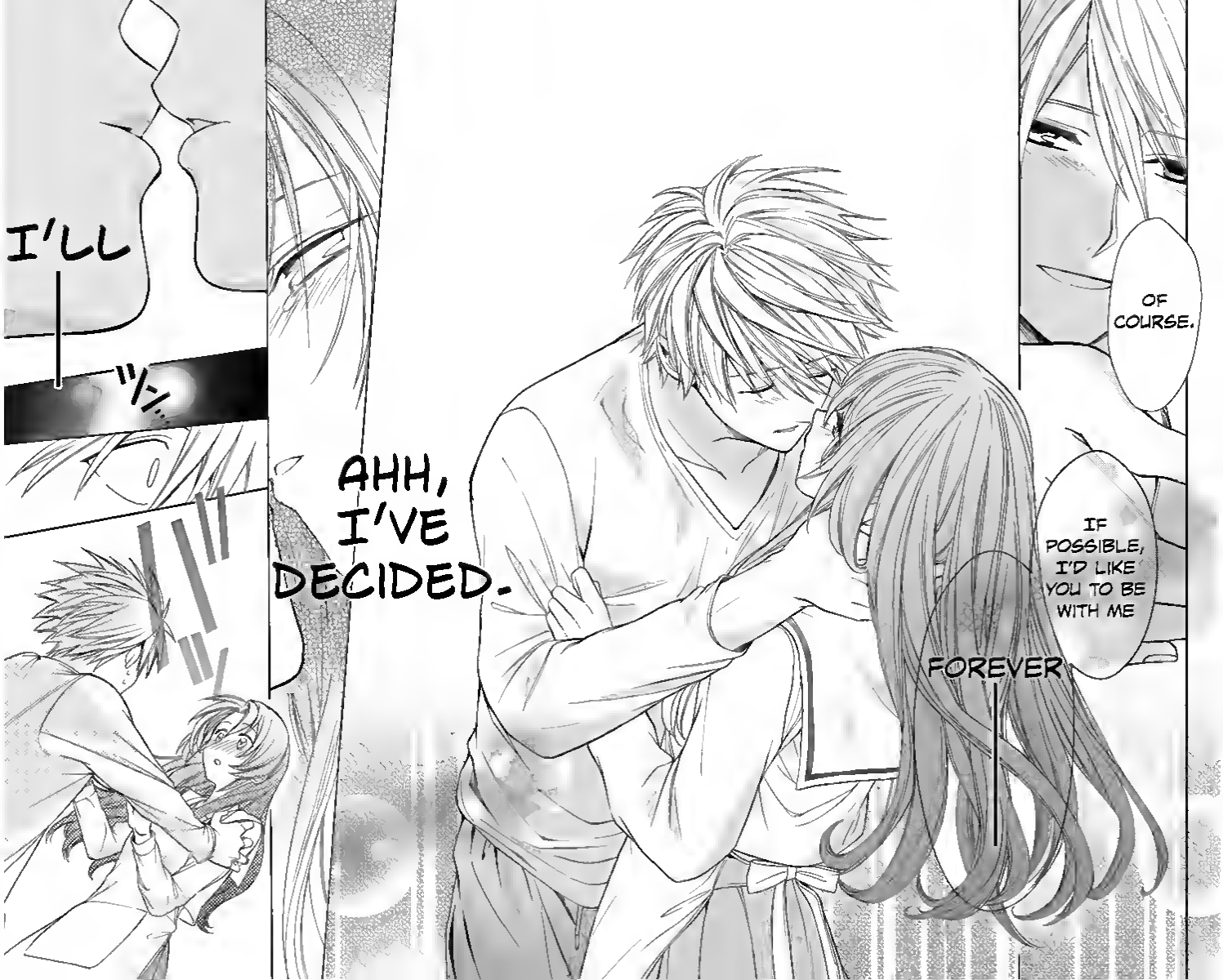
NANASE-SAN IS
STANDING IN MY LIVING ROOM...
WHAT A NICE DREAM...
WHA-
HUH?
WHAT?!

IT'S LIKE
YOU'RE MY WIFE.
H-Hi
THE REASON I WENT TO YOUR HOUSE OFTEN
WAS ACTUALLY BECAUSE I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU.
YUKIHIRO MADE FUN OF ME A LOT WHEN I COULDN'T DO IT, THOUGH...
PFF!
AH...
FROM THE MOMENT I MET YOU,
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ADORABLE.

YES,
I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
SINCE YOU'RE HOLDING ME LIKE THIS,
THIS ISN'T ANYTHING TO BE PROUD OF,
BUT IT'S THE WAY I CAME TO LOVE YOU.
I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU.
CAN I TAKE IT THAT YOU STILL LOVE ME?


I'VE LOVED YOU FROM THE BEGINNING, EVER SINCE
I NOTICED YOU HAD STUFFED NEWSPAPER INTO MY SHOES...
CAN I...
STILL BE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
NOW THAT...
IS SOME-THING I DIDN'T KNOW...


I'LL
TSN...
AHH, I'VE DECIDED.
OF COURSE.
IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE YOU TO BE WITH ME
FOREVER

HUH... WHAT?
I'M NOT DREAMING?
FAINT
NISHINO-SAN!
NO MATTER WHAT DIFFICULTIES MIGHT COME OUR WAY IN THIS LOVE
WE WILL TREASURE
EVERY MOMENT.
WHICH IS FULL OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND SURPRISES,
What? Really?
Huh? He was watching your kickboxing so he didn't find out?